

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 34 as follows:

Lyophilized hemoglobin was dissolved in purified water, thus preparing a 50 g/L hemoglobin solution. On the other hand, FV was produced according to ~~JP 2(1990) 69644 A~~ and dissolved in purified water, thus preparing a 1 mM FV solution. Then, 37 µl of the hemoglobin solution, 60 µl of the FV solution and 203 µl of purified water were mixed so as to prepare a sample to be measured.